REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-9 are pending in the application. Independent claims 1, 8, and 9 have been amended to replace "whose quantity is one in each original program" with "and an original program referred to from more than one type of the user programs includes only one management information file," in order to clarify that management information is recorded in only <u>one management information file</u>. The amendments are fully supported by the application as originally filed (see, e.g., specification at page 26, lines 7-21).

Claims 1 and 5-9 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by European Publication No. 1 206 135 to Iwano (hereinafter "Iwano"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding the rejection of independent claims 1, 8, and 9 over Iwano, the Iwano reference does not teach or suggest a data recording apparatus, method, or medium in which "for each piece of the postrecording data, the management information is recorded in a management information file, and an original program referred to from more than one type of the user programs includes only one management information file" (independent claims 1, 8, and 9).

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action of 08/17/2009, FIGS. 43, 51, and 60, and paragraph 0464 of Iwano were cited as allegedly corresponding to the Applicants' claimed invention. In particular, "EU" was cited as allegedly corresponding to the claimed "plurality of user programs"; "PRU" was cited as allegedly corresponding to the claimed "postrecording data"; and "address LUT" was cited as allegedly corresponding to the claimed "management information."

Referring to paragraph 0464 of Iwano, it is described that a relationship between EUs (in an EUS file) and PRUs is depicted in FIG. 60. In particular, PRU information is created for each EU (or "editable unit" as described in paragraph 0150 of Iwano), the PRU information being stored in an Address LUT.

As stated in paragraph 0464 of Iwano: "a corresponding number of pieces of <PRU Information> exist as the number of EUs in the EUS file, arranged in the order from the first EU in the EUS," but certain PRU Information (such as PRU Information #4 and #5) does not exist.

In Iwano, the PRU Information stored in the Address LUT is post recording data, and thus cannot be considered "management information." Iwano does not teach or suggest that any management information is stored in the Address LUT.

Instead, as shown in FIG. 51 and described in paragraphs 0421-0423, for example, reference or management information for an EUS (i.e., a plurality or sequence of EUs) is stored in EUS Information. For example, if a user recorded "multiple scenes ... an equal number of <EUS Information> is created" (paragraph 0421 of Iwano).

As shown in FIG. 51 of Iwano, an example of EUS Information is provided (see paragraph 0422 of Iwano), where an EUS is made up of a plurality of EUs, and the stored information can include "distinction, size, title information, creation date and updated date of the EUS" (see paragraph 0422 of Iwano). Further, as described in paragraph 0423 of Iwano, reference information including "the programs which refer to the EUS managed thereby" can be included in the EUS Information.

In Iwano, reference information (or "management information") is included in the EUS Information, where the EUS Information is equal in number to the recorded scenes, for example.

Therefore, there is no teaching or suggest in Iwano that "for each piece of the postrecording data, the management information is recorded in a management information file, and an original program referred to from more than one type of the user programs includes only one management information file," as recited in independent claims 1, 8, and 9.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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